

Furthermore, events like “Good Old Days” grew from two city blocks to nine, and the Pacific Grove Car Auction was introduced at the Pacific Grove Golf Links. The organization also adopted the Holman Highway, volunteering to pick up trash and keep the roadway clean for the past 11 years.

Mr. Moe Ammar’s dedication to the community did not stop with the Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Economic Development Committee for 27 years, taught the next generation of business leaders at Monterey Peninsula College for 17 years, and volunteered for picnics, parades, and the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. His enthusiasm for service was commemorated when he was awarded the Key to the City of Pacific Grove in 2000, becoming only the third person in the last four decade to be awarded this honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Ammar’s decades of service. I extend my personal appreciation to Mr. Moe Ammar and his dedication to the Central Coast.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, due to a change in my scheduled flight, I was unable to reach the Capitol Building in time to cast a vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 71, and YEA on Roll Call No. 72.

RECOGNIZING MS. LILLIE MARSHALL

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Lillie Marshall who has dedicated much of her life in service to her Red Hook, Brooklyn, NY community. She was born on April 24, 1943, in Sparta, Georgia, to a family of community leaders in education, law and business. Five years out of Hancock Central High School, she moved to Red Hook, Brooklyn.

As a proud single mother of four, Ms. Lillie Marshall became known for her no-nonsense approach and commitment to the area children. She advocated for and arranged after-school programs for youth of all ages. When a private school was built in the neighborhood, she served on a committee that successfully secured annual scholarships for qualifying children of Red Hook public housing. She has watched over generations of families for decades.

Ms. Marshall fervently advocated for tenants in her twenty-year role as the Tenant Association President of Red Hook West. She met with NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) executive and local leadership alike to give tenant perspectives and amplify their voices. Ms.

Marshall also served on NYCHA’s Citywide Council of Presidents as District Chair of Brooklyn South.

Ms. Marshall’s efforts will long be remembered for her Thanksgiving turkey drives for local families, feeding the homeless, delivering meals and PPE to homebound seniors during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She has been a leader at events such as Red Hook Old Timers Day, National Night Out Against Crime and has organized Red Hook Family Day every year.

For her decades of leadership and volunteerism, Ms. Lillie Marshall will not soon be forgotten by her beloved Red Hook. Her legacy of life-long community service has instilled core values and civic pride in her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF COMMUNICARE HEALTH CENTERS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with delight that I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of CommuniCare Health Centers. CommuniCare Health Centers is a Federal Qualified Health Center that continues to serve residents in West Sacramento and surrounding neighborhoods in Yolo County.

In 1994, the name “CommuniCare Health Centers” was adopted to describe this growing family of health centers. Today, CommuniCare Health Centers include the Davis Community Clinic, Hansen Family Health Center in Woodland, Salud Clinic in West Sacramento, and five satellite locations. In 2007, CommuniCare Health Centers became a Federally Qualified Health Center, and in 2014, they achieved recognition for quality as a Level Three Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), the highest level of recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

Madam Speaker, today we honor CommuniCare Health Center for their long-lasting commitment to providing quality, accessible health care for the Yolo County region as they continue to be the backbone of the healthcare systems for all those in need.

HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE AND SERVICE OF KENNETH J. McLAUGHLIN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the commendable life of Army veteran, policeman, correctional officer, volunteer firefighter, and village justice, Kenneth J. McLaughlin.

Mr. McLaughlin was born in 1948 and grew up in Saranac Lake, New York, where he graduated from Pius X Central High School in 1966. He joined the Army at the age of nineteen and was stationed in Europe, where he served honorably for two years as an infantryman and mechanic. When he returned to the United States, he earned a degree in Criminal Justice from North Country Community Col-

lege. Kenneth became a patrolman for the Saranac Lake Police Department in 1970, where he would serve and protect his hometown for nearly twenty-five years. In addition to serving his community as a parttime police officer, Kenneth supplemented his career by becoming a New York State Corrections Officer. After retiring, he was elected in 2010 as Village Judge of Harrietstown, a role in which he was extremely successful in and praised by nearly the entire community.

Kenneth was also a proud member of the Saranac Lake Volunteer Fire Department, where he rose through the ranks and held several important leadership positions. Throughout his career, Kenneth was recognized for saving the lives of three Saranac Lake residents at the risk of his own safety. In 2015, at the age of sixty-seven and after nearly fifty years on the job, he still responded to more calls than any other member of the Department. He would remain an active firefighter for the rest of his life, helping train and mentor the next generation of local heroes.

On behalf of New York’s 21st District, I am honored to recognize Kenneth J. McLaughlin’s extraordinary life of brave and selfless service to his country and community. It is my hope that his heroism, integrity, and commitment to public service will be carried on by those who knew and loved him.

HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 1032

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chapter 1032 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, based in York, Pennsylvania. We are forever indebted to the veteran members of Chapter 1032 and the millions of other Vietnam Veterans who selflessly served our nation in the armed forces. We must also remember, honor, and give thanks for the service of those servicemembers who never returned home and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. Recognizing the sacrifices of all those who served is critically important.

I would like to extend thanks to a resident of Pennsylvania’s Eleventh District and Vietnam Veteran, Harold Redding, a member of Chapter 1032 whose citizen advocacy prompted Congress to pass legislation that made possible the creation of the National Vietnam War Veterans Day, which will be observed on March 29. Thanks to Harold’s efforts and those who supported him, our nation has a dedicated day where we can come together to recognize the sacrifices that these brave men and women made so that we may live free.

On this day and every day, we can honor our Vietnam Veterans through providing them with the care, recognition, and gratitude that they deserve. I extend to Harold and all the veterans of Chapter 1032 my most sincere thanks and gratitude, and I stand ready to support them in any way that I can as a Member of Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF TODD A. VEGA

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and contributions of Todd A. Vega, a beloved member of the Tampa Bay community, who passed away on February 28, 2022 at the age of 60. A fifth generation Floridian born and raised in Tampa, Todd positively impacted our Tampa Bay community in countless ways.

Todd served for 34 years in the construction industry. A long-time Union member, Todd worked in various roles including pipefitter, organizer and most recently as Business Manager of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry (UA) Plumbers Pipefitters Local 123 in Tampa. He always stood firmly for what he believed in and served as a major advocate for workers' rights throughout his career. Todd's dedication to his work and the people around him greatly contributed to the training of countless apprentices and journeymen who continue to strengthen the industry's standards and quality of work put forward in our community.

Our community honors and grieves the loss of his tireless efforts and leadership on behalf of his members, the members of the West Central FL Labor Council and the Florida Gulf Coast Building and Construction Trades Council and working families all over Florida. Todd was a big man, literally and figuratively, with a heart that was even bigger. The biggest gap in our community to fill may be his work for and devotion to children. Todd was always quick to help all as a friend and supporter, but it has been said of him that "you sure never had to ask twice when helping kids was involved." The U/A Mechanical Contractors of Central Florida Charity Foundation exists to serve local children in need of school supplies, a toy or other resources that can brighten their lives and give them an opportunity.

Todd's family and the working men and women of Tampa Bay and Florida were at the core of his life. They and we are so much better for it. I have in my prayers his wife, Shari; daughter, Tiffany (Ed); father, Harold; brothers, Troy and James (Kathy); niece, Alisha; nephew, J.P.; and grandchildren, Coy, Andy and Legend. His memory will truly be a blessing for them and all of us.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my neighbors in Tampa Bay and the citizens of Florida, I am proud to honor Todd A. Vega, his devotion to all of us and particularly workers' rights and opportunities. The impacts of Todd's big heart will be felt throughout our community for years to come. All in our community and especially those of us who called him a friend are eternally grateful for him having passed our way. May his soul rest in peace.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF HUNTER LONG FOR WINNING THE DIVISION III WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school wrestler in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Hunter Long of Wayne Trace High School has represented his school ably on his way to achieving the Division III State Wrestling Title. Austin overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the Division III State Wrestling Championship.

In pursuing the State Championship, Hunter Long defeated his opponent in the finals of the 132-pound classification. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the mat, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. He achieved an impressive season record bringing pride to his school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Hunter Long of Wayne Trace High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID
CARDENAS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Fowler Mayor, David Cardenas, who passed away on Friday, March 11, 2022.

Mr. Cardenas was born in Michoacan, Mexico, and moved to the United States when he was 14 years old. Like many in the Central Valley, his father was a farm worker and instilled a deep sense of hard work, discipline, and commitment to family in him from a young age. His father pushed him to make a better life for himself in America. In 1981, he opened Dave's Auto Service, a business he ran for decades.

Mr. Cardenas was deeply devoted to both his faith and his community throughout his entire life. He spent over 20 years on the Fowler City Council and spent the past 12 years as the city's mayor. Additionally, he served on multiple boards of community organizations, such as the Fowler Lions Club, the Measure C Renewal Executive Committee, and St. Lucy's Church. He also served as the President of the Guadalupe Society, leading multiple trips to Mexico to bring a statue of our Lady of Guadalupe back to his local church.

Mr. Cardenas was a true pillar of our community. His dedicated and honorable service helped improve the lives of so many throughout the Central Valley. His commitment to his fellow citizens was truly admirable, and his selfless service will never be forgotten.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and service of Mayor David Cardenas.

HONORING CORINTH TOWN SUPERVISOR RICHARD LUCIA ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 18, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Corinth Town Supervisor Richard Lucia on his retirement. Mr. Lucia served his community for nearly forty years, a testament to the incredible work he has done for the people of Corinth.

Mr. Lucia grew up in Corinth and began working at the International Paper mill at a young age. He worked in the mill's power plant, ran the paper machine turbines, and finished off his forty-year career as a clerk. His experience at the International Paper mill helped him realize the importance of industrial strength to Corinth's economic vitality.

Mr. Lucia dedicated his storied career to serving the community of Corinth in many capacities. In addition to serving as town supervisor, Mr. Lucia held numerous roles in the community including Town Councilman, Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, and Corinth GOP Committee Chair. Mr. Lucia's love and appreciation for the town of Corinth was exemplified through his commitment to serving his constituents. Throughout his twenty-eight years as town supervisor, Mr. Lucia kept tax rates level, built a new town garage, and opened the town's own history and paper-making museums. He also oversaw the purchase of sixteen miles of rail line from Saratoga Springs to Antone Mountain to help attract new business to the abandoned International Paper mill.

Throughout his tenure in public service, Mr. Lucia prioritized civility while working tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents of Corinth. Mr. Lucia dedicated his career to being a conscientious steward of the people and land for which he loves, ensuring that Corinth continues to live up to its full potential. His accomplished record and his reputation as a community advocate serve as an inspiration to all New Yorkers. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize his exceptional leadership and want to wish him the best in his future endeavors.